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RE: Improved Slidingly Engaging Fasteners and Method
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Sir:

The following is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Communication dated 10/20/2005, paper #10162005. This response includes Proposed Amendments to Claims, Including New Claims revised according to the referenced office communication.

Applicant appreciates the clarification with reference to rule 37 CFR 1.121. In that the identifiers noted in 37 CFR 1.121 (c) do not appear to be specifically defined, applicant inadvertently misunderstood the intent of the rule.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Duffy, applicant pro se